

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS PRIORITY CLAIM**

This patent application claims priority of German patent application number 10312935.9, filed March 22, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please insert the following paragraph after paragraph [0001]:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application relates to the following commonly-owned pending patent application: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/834,608 filed on April 28, 2004, Attorney Docket No. 113378-69.